

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants and Projects Manager
Through: Chandra Nicholson, Director of Economic Development and Planning
Date: February 11, 2014
Subject: Approval of Grant Research for an Archery Facility/Multi-Purpose Center

REQUEST:

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests City Council authorization to research and submit grant applications for an archery facility/multi-purpose center to be located at the new Town Green.

BACKGROUND:

Due to the popularity of archery among both youths and adults, many Parks and Recreation agencies have built archery parks or indoor facilities.

DISCUSSION:

City staff members have received positive input from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) regarding grant opportunities for archery facilities such as the Easton Foundation's Facility Grant. According to MDWFP, there are approximately 73 schools in the local area that have archery programs. City staff members are in the process of researching information needed for a March 1, 2014 grant application to the Easton Foundation. Other grant funding may also be available.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development and Planning Department staff recommends that City Council authorize City staff members to research and pursue grant opportunities for a combination archery facility and multi-purpose center. City Council support of this initiative is one of the grant requirements.

City Council may:

1. authorize the research and pursuit of grant opportunities as outlined above; or
2. disapprove the research and pursuit of grant opportunities for this project at this time.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A